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Attorney General Biden calls for removal of toxic chemical from consumer products

Wilmington, DE – The Delaware Department of Justice announced today that Attorney General Biden has sent letters to 11 companies urging them to stop using the toxic chemical bisphenol A (BPA) in baby bottles and baby formula containers in light of recent studies clearly linking the chemical to potential health problems. Growing scientific evidence shows that even small amounts of BPA damages infant reproductive, neurological and immune systems.

“Exposure to this dangerous chemical has been linked to a range of illnesses, including cancer and diabetes. For the sake of consumers’ safety, and especially the health and safety of our children, we are calling on manufacturers to immediately remove this chemical from the products they produce,” stated State Solicitor Lawrence Lewis.

BPA is used in a wide variety of plastics, including reusable water bottles and sunglasses. Baby bottle and formula containers are not required to say whether they contain BPA. Some manufacturers, however, have stopped using the chemical and say so on their packaging.

A recent study released by Yale School of Medicine clearly links low levels of BPA exposure to brain fluctuations and mood disorders in monkeys. Another recent study by federal health agencies confirmed that BPA may affect human development.

The letters were written jointly by Attorney General Biden, along with the Attorneys General from Connecticut and New Jersey. The letters were sent to baby bottle manufacturers Avent, Disney First Years, Gerber, Dr. Brown, Playtex and Evenflo; and formula makers Abbott, Mead Johnson, PBM Products, Nature’s One and Wyeth. BPA, which hardens plastic, is used in the lining of baby formula containers.

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